## Relay For Life of Amesbury News By Tom Hanshaw October 12, 2012

It's been almost two months since the 10<sup>th</sup> American Cancer Society, Relay For Life of Amesbury, but the fight against this terrible disease continues. Over the past few weeks, it's likely you've heard about the national "Stand-Up 2 Cancer effort" or the "ACS Strides Walk" in fact, the Amesbury News and many other things turned pink in support of breast cancer awareness month, even the White House! The fight against cancer is never ending and volunteers won't stop until a cure is found. I'm pleased to announce that the 2013 Relay For Life of Amesbury web site is now up and running at <a href="https://www.relayforlife.org/amesburyma">www.relayforlife.org/amesburyma</a> so keep watching for updates on next year's 11<sup>th</sup> annual fundraiser. The committee will be meeting soon to start planning, consider joining and helping our community and neighbors fight cancer. The Relay date you see on the web site is just a tentative one, in order to get the site online, several options for the 2013 date are being discussed and the 2012 Relay total was over \$60,000!!

One event has been scheduled, however, and we are excited about it! On Friday October 26<sup>th</sup>, the Amesbury Indians will be helping us "tackle cancer" with "Coaches versus Cancer." This program, also sponsored by the American Cancer Society, incorporates a team effort with the fight against cancer. During the game; players, cheerleaders, coaches and students will be invited to wear the color pink in support of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Thanks to a generous donation from the Amesbury Health Care Charitable Trust, players and cheerleaders will be wearing pink socks and wrist bands to call attention to the fight against this terrible disease.

Prior to the game against the Winthrop Vikings, players and students will be creating a "Wall of Hope" by selling cards and cut-outs, which will be posted at the High School. At the game, we'll have Relay For Life vinyl footballs available for a donation, information about the American Cancer Society and more. I hope you can join this community effort to kick cancer on October 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at Landry Stadium.